

were lifelong members. While living in Wayne, New Jersey, Gloria joined New A.M.E. Zion Church, where she served diligently on the Scholarship Committee. After returning to Newark and joining St. James A.M.E. Church, Gloria realized her ambition to become a religious counselor.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in congratulating William Paterson University as they honor Gloria S. Williams in this way. Her life story embodies all the aspects that educational institutions strive for—determination, diligence and dedication. By naming a building in her honor, William Paterson University will preserve for future generations the admirable legacy of a great woman, Gloria S. Williams.

IN HONOR OF MR. MANUEL MOTA

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 13, 1999

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, it is with utmost pleasure and privilege that I rise today to recognize a wonderful American, Mr. Manuel "Manny" Rafael Geronimo Mota, for his spirited work with youth, his humanitarian service, and his outstanding accomplishments as a major league baseball player and coach. Through his compassion for others and his infectious enthusiasm for life, Manny has served as a model citizen for all Americans.

Born in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic on February 13, 1938, Manny Mota grew up loving the game of baseball. Soon, Manny realized that he had a gift for the grand old game. At the tender age of 19, Manny demonstrated a keen eye at the plate when he joined the minor leagues. Within a few years, Manny ascended to the major leagues and soon established himself as a premier hitter.

Manny joined the Los Angeles Dodgers in 1969 and contributed to Dodger success from 1969–1982. As a player for the Dodgers, Manny established the all-time major league record for pinch-hits with 150. Manny batted .304 over his entire 20-year major league career with Montreal, Pittsburgh, San Francisco, and Los Angeles. Manny Mota was selected to the 1973 National League All-Star team and led the league with a .351 batting average at the All-Star Break. When you add his tenure as a coach for the Los Angeles Dodgers, Manny has served the Dodgers for 30 years.

Just as important as Manny Mota's contributions on the field are his contributions off the field. Over a quarter of a century ago, Manny Mota established the Manny Mota International Foundation with the intention of giving

youth opportunities to reach their full potential and pursue a quality education. Manny has used baseball as his medium to instruct and motivate Los Angeles youth. The Manny Mota International Foundation awards five \$1,000 scholarships to Los Angeles area students each year.

Manny Mota's generosity extends beyond the borders of the United States. Manny has worked hard to raise money to build a medical clinic, baseball field, and school in the Dominican Republic. Manny Mota was at the forefront of relief efforts when natural disasters devastated the Dominican Republic, Central America, and other regions of Latin America. Repeatedly, Manny demonstrates that he does not forget his roots, as he swiftly extends aid to those who are disadvantaged.

Manny has also served as a loving caretaker of a successfully family. He resides with his wife Margarita in Glendale and is the proud father of eight children: Cecilia, Jose, Andres, Domingo, Manuel, Maria, Rafael, and Antonio. His wife and children remain active in foundation activities and embrace the same commitment to public service that has inspired Manny to share his gifts with others.

Just as Manny so often delivered "in the pinch" at the plate, so has he delivered "in the pinch" in life. Mr. Speaker, family and friends of Manny Mota gathered at the California Plaza Watercourt in Downtown Los Angeles, California on Saturday, August 28, 1999 to celebrate the 30th anniversary of his association with the Los Angeles Dodgers, it is with great pride that I ask my colleagues to join me today in saluting this exceptional man.

DEPARTMENTS OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000

SPEECH OF

HON. JAMES H. MALONEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 9, 1999

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2684) making appropriations for the Department of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes:

Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut. Mr. Chairman, I rise to express my concern about the deep cuts in the Veterans Administration-

Housing and Urban Development annual (VA/ HUD) appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2000. This legislation not only substantially slashes funds for programs that have enhanced economic development and improved housing in Connecticut and the 5th Congressional District, but also guts many of our important NASA science programs. My support for the VA/ HUD Appropriations bill is conditioned on a conference agreement which restores funding for HUD, the Veterans Administration and NASA.

If allowed to stand, the cuts to HUD programs will have a significant impact on the State of Connecticut and on my own congressional district, affecting both economic development initiatives and a variety of housing services. The Republican budget cutters have dug deep into initiatives that have proven track records of success. There is simply no reason to reduce our efforts to provide economic development for our towns and cities in the form of Brownfields monies and Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) funds. By doing so, we will set our communities and our economies backwards, rather than spur them forward.

The VA/ HUD Appropriations legislation also slashes funding for key NASA science programs. This shortsighted action jeopardizes our country's leadership in space. Unless NASA funding is restored, this legislation should not pass Congress.

My colleagues, I support the VA/ HUD Fiscal Year 2000 Appropriations in the House because it restores badly needed funds for the Veterans Administration. I urge all of you to join me in working to reverse the housing, CDBG, economic development and NASA cuts in this bill. If this important funding is not restored, I will oppose the House-Senate conference agreement on the final version of the bill. I urge you to do the same.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 13, 1999

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, due to notifications from the Federal Emergency Management Agency that hurricane "Floyd" is likely to hit my district within 48 hours, I will not be able to be present and voting this evening and tomorrow. Hurricane "Floyd" is currently a category 4 storm and gaining strength as it approaches the Southeast coast. I will remain in my district to assist constituents and my family with pending evacuation and mitigation plans.